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STRANGE...LOIS WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ME HERE! I WONDER WHERE SHE IS?
SUPERMAN! I'M HERE! I CAN'T SPEAK! I'VE BEEN TURNED TO SNOW!
I'M MELTING TO DEATH IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!
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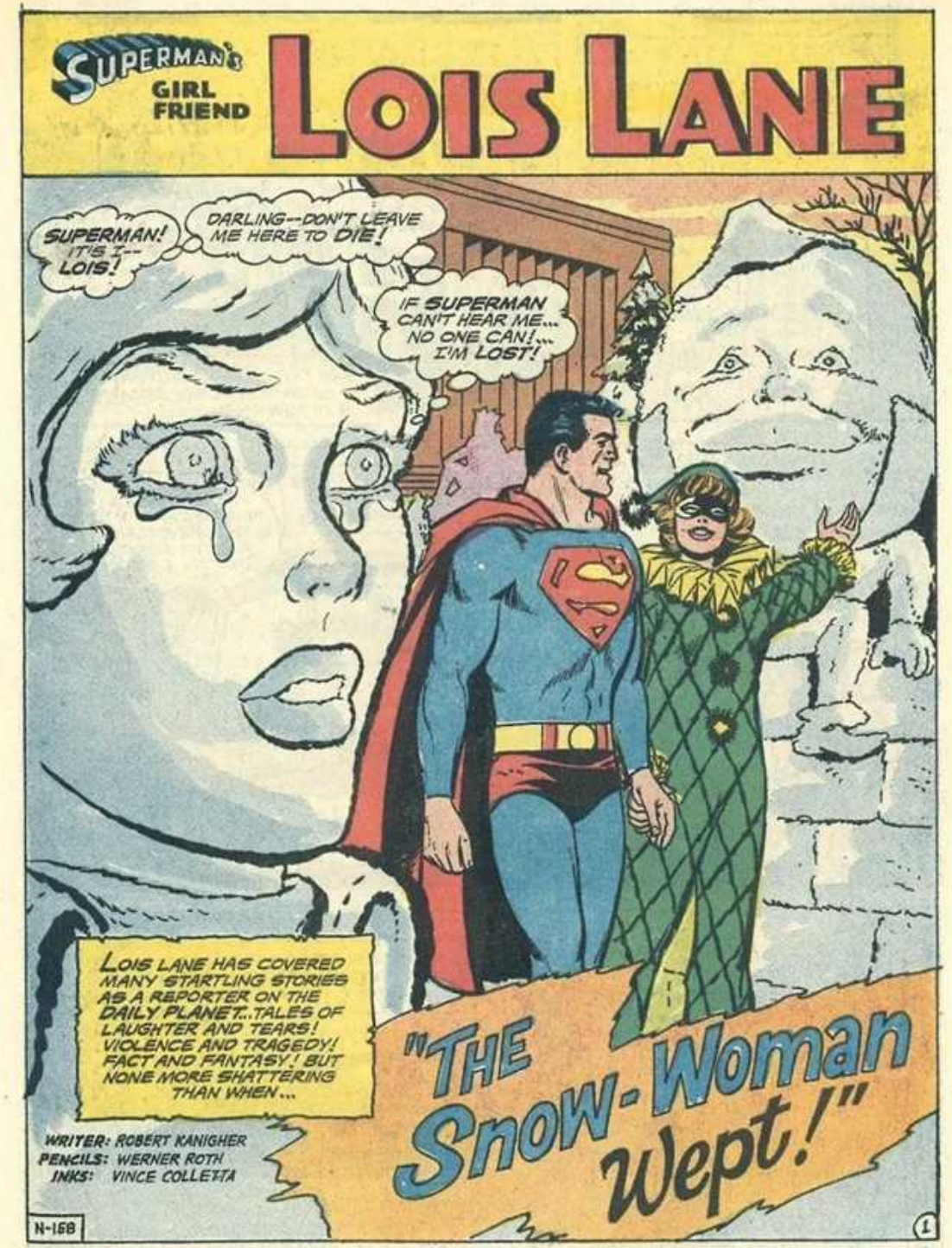
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SUPERMAN! IT'S I-- LOIS!
DARLING--DON'T LEAVE ME HERE TO DIE!
IF SUPERMAN CAN'T HEAR ME... NO ONE CAN!... I'M LOST!
LOIS LANE HAS COVERED MANY STARTLING STORIES AS A REPORTER ON THE DAILY PLANET..TALES OF LAUGHTER AND TEARS! VIOLENCE AND TRAGEDY! FACT AND FANTASY! BUT NONE MORE SHATTERING THAN WHEN...
"THE Snow-Woman Wept!"
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THE DAILY PLANET BUZZES WITH ACTIVITY...
LOIS... THIS ASSIGNMENT IS TAILOR-MADE FOR YOU! YOU'RE AN ALUMNA OF RALEIGH COLLEGE!
COVER SUPERMAN BEING CROWNED KING OF THE WINTER CARNIVAL!
CLARK! YOUR STORY IS RALEIGH'S NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, PROF. BRIDNELL'S RESEARCH PROJECT! OPERATION: NEPTUNE!
I'LL COAX HIM TO WHISTLE, PERRY! I GOT PERMISSION TO LET LANA LANG TAKE OVER MY NEWSCAST DUTIES WHILE I HANDLE THIS.*
HE'S BEEN SILENT AS A CLAM ABOUT IT!
*SEE THE JANUARY SUPERMAN TO LEARN HOW CLARK BECAME A TV NEWSMAN. - Ed.
I'M BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN! THE WINTER CARNIVAL IS TAME!
GIVE ME A CHANCE ON THE OPERATION NEPTUNE STORY!
SIMMER DOWN, LOIS! DON'T WAVE THE WOMEN'S LIB FLAG AT ME!
YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE WHEN CLARK GOES BACK TO THE VIDEO!
SHORTLY, EN ROUTE TO RALEIGH...
IT'S NOT THAT I WON'T BE HAPPY TO SEE SUPERMAN AGAIN! BUT I'M MISSING OUT ON A SCOOP!
YOU DON'T KNOW IT! BUT THERE'S ONE SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO YOU!
BETTER DROP ME OFF HERE FOR MY KINDERGARTEN ASSIGNMENT, CLARK! WHILE YOU GET THE BIG STORY!
WATCH YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, LOIS! THIS MAY BE MY SWAN SONG AS A NEWSPAPERMAN!
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A SCOOP, LIKE GOLD, IS WHERE YOU FIND IT! AND LOIS JUST WALKED AWAY FROM HERS!
NOT THAT SHE'D EVER PRINT MY SECRET IDENTITY IF SHE KNEW IT!
THAT'S A GROOVY SNOW SCULPTURE OF CLEOPATRA! SHE ALMOST LOOKS ALIVE! WHO ARE YOU?
NORMAN BROOKS! A SENIOR! BUT THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY REAL MASTERPIECE, MISS LANE!
COME WITH ME TO THE RALEIGH SNOW STUDIO AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
SHORTLY, IN THE OUTDOOR STUDIO, THE "TEMPERATURE" SUDDENLY RISES...
SIMMER DOWN, NORMAN! WANT TO MELT THE SNOW?
MMMM! YOU MELTED MY HEART THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOUR PICTURE AMONG THE FAMOUS ALUMNI IN THE RALEIGH YEAR BOOK, LOIS!
YOU KNOW MY HEART BELONGS TO SUPERMAN, NORMAN!
IS THAT SNOW DEVIL YOUR MASTERPIECE?
NO! YOU'RE MY MASTERPIECE, LOIS! WILL YOU POSE FOR ME?
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THAT KISS WAS ALL THE INSPIRATION I NEEDED!
WHEN I FINISH A SNOW SCULPTURE OF YOU-- IT WILL WIN FIRST PRIZE AT THE CARNIVAL!
I'LL MAKE YOU FORGET SUPERMAN EVER EXISTED!
YOU'RE SWEET, NORMAN! BUT AFTER I LEAVE, YOU'LL MEET SOME GROOVY GIRL YOUR OWN AGE AND FORGET I EVER EXISTED!
MEANWHILE AT THE RALEIGH RESEARCH LABORATORY COMPLEX...
A DOG, CAT, AND BIRD LIVING UNDERWATER! YOU'VE WORKED WONDERS, PROF. BRIDNELL!
THAT'S THE AIM OF OPERATION: NEPTUNE!
BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE LOYAL ASSISTANCE OF DR. TORT, A REFUGEE SCIENTIST FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN!
I ONLY PROVIDED THE HANDS! YOU HAD THE BRAINS, PROFESSOR!
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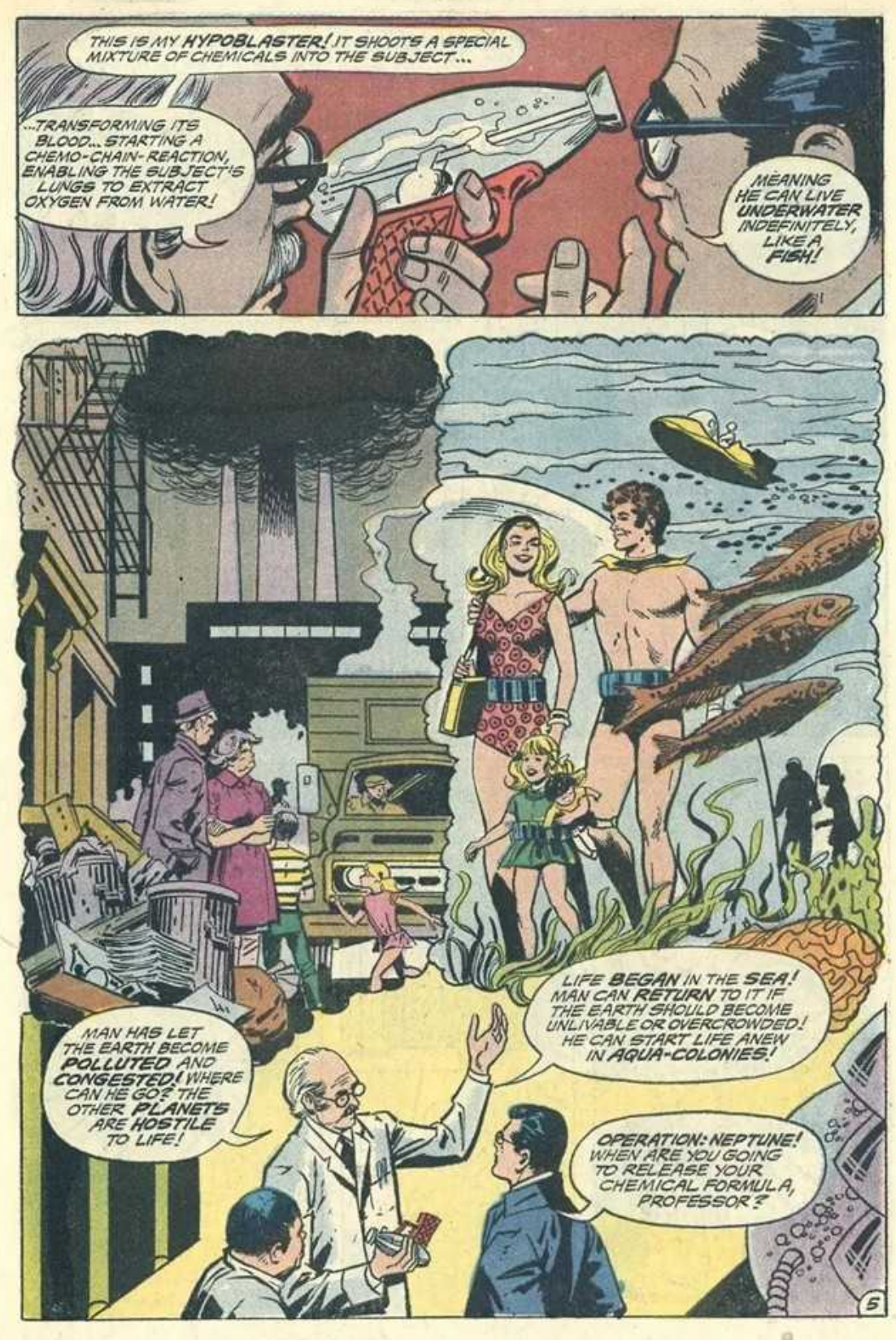
THIS IS MY HYPOBLASTER! IT SHOOTS A SPECIAL MIXTURE OF CHEMICALS INTO THE SUBJECT...
...TRANSFORMING ITS BLOOD... STARTING A CHEMO-CHAIN-REACTION, ENABLING THE SUBJECT'S LUNGS TO EXTRACT OXYGEN FROM WATER!
MEANING HE CAN LIVE UNDERWATER INDEFINITELY, LIKE A FISH!
LIFE BEGAN IN THE SEA! MAN CAN RETURN TO IT IF THE EARTH SHOULD BECOME UNLIVABLE OR OVERCROWDED! HE CAN START LIFE ANEW IN AQUA-COLONIES!
MAN HAS LET THE EARTH BECOME POLLUTED AND CONGESTED! WHERE CAN HE GO? THE OTHER PLANETS ARE HOSTILE TO LIFE!
OPERATION: NEPTUNE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO RELEASE YOUR CHEMICAL FORMULA, PROFESSOR?
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I CAN'T RELEASE IT--EVEN THOUGH I HAVE INSTALLED A REVERSE CHAIN REACTION CHARGE ON THIS BLASTER!
I HAVEN'T TESTED ITS FULL FORCE ON MY ANIMAL SUBJECTS!
IF THERE ARE NO ADVERSE EFFECTS I'LL TRY IT ON HUMAN VOLUNTEERS... IN MINUTE-INCREASING DOSES...UNTIL IT'S ABSOLUTELY SAFE!
BUT THAT MAY TAKE YEARS!
SCIENCE MUST BE PATIENT! THAT'S WHY THE LAB HAS LEAD DOORS! TO PROTECT OUTSIDERS FROM THE UNSTABLE CHEMICALS I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH!
WARNING CHEMICAL RESEARCH
NOW, I MUST GO BACK TO WORK!
WHAT A SCOOP THIS WOULD BE! IF OPERATION: NEPTUNE HAD A SURPRISE ENDING!
WARNING! CHEMICAL RESEARCH
KLANGG
DR. TORT! LET'S G--
KRAAKKK
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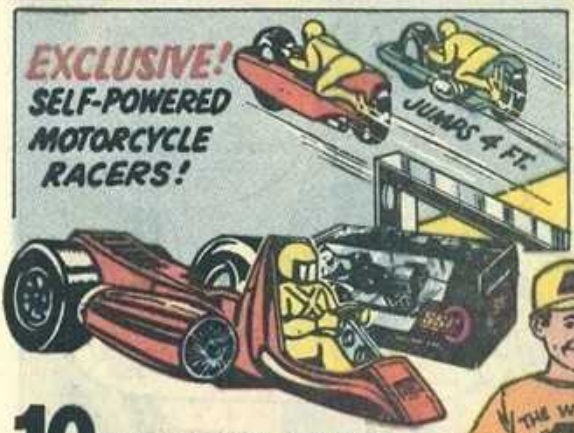

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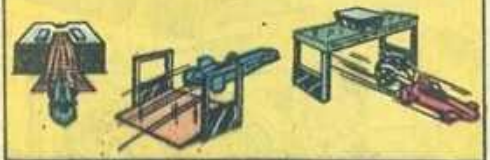

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YOU'RE A GENIUS, NORMAN! DO THE REST FROM MEMORY!
I'M A WORKING REPORTER! I'VE GOT TO COVER THE WINTER CARNIVAL!
OVERCOME BY A WAVE OF FEMININE CURIOSITY...
I'M DYING TO FIND OUT WHAT CLARK'S BEEN TOLD ABOUT PROF. BRIDNELL'S OPERATION: NEPTUNE!
WARNING! CHEMICAL RESEARCH
THE DOOR'S SWINGING OPEN! SOMEONE FORGOT TO LOCK IT!
VOICES! FROM THE OTHER LAB!
CLARK'S PROBABLY STILL BEING FILLED IN ABOUT HOW THESE ANIMALS ARE ABLE TO LIVE UNDERWATER!
DR. TORT IS SO ABSENT-MINDED WE TOOK A CHANCE HE MIGHT REVEAL THE REAL REASON FOR HIS FAKE ESCAPE FROM OUR COUNTRY!
I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN MY DUTY, GEN. COFFIN!
WELL, DR. TORT? IS OPERATION: NEPTUNE "GO!"... AS THE AMERICANS SAY IT?
YES, GEN. COFFIN! EXCEPT FOR THE FINAL TEST OF PROF. BRIDNELL'S CHEMICAL SPECTRUM ON A HUMAN! WHICH HE WAS TOO COWARDLY TO TRY!
A TYPICAL TRAIT OF WESTERN DECADENCE! BUT I WOULDN'T HESITATE! I KNOW IT WILL WORK!

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BLANNNGGG...
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BRUUUUUUM
APPALLED BY THE FIENDISH PLOT...
GOT TO WARN THE AUTHORITIES! WHAT A SCOOP! OHHHH--?
CRAAASH
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AN AMERICAN SPY! SHE HEARD EVERYTHING!
SHE MUST HAVE SLIPPED IN THROUGH THE OUTER DOOR YOU ABSENT-MINDEDLY FORGOT TO LOCK! YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS MISTAKE, DR. TORT!
ZOOOSH...
I WILL CHANGE THE MISTAKE TO PROFIT! BY TESTING THE BLASTER ON A HUMAN... FULL-STRENGTH!
SPLAAASH
HMM... BRIDNELL WAS RIGHT! A CHARGE AT FULL-STRENGH HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT! TRANSFORMING A HUMAN INTO SNOW!
THE FORMULA NEEDS MORE TESTS! WE WILL TAKE THE PROFESSOR TO OUR COUNTRY!
EVENTUALLY, WE WILL SUCCEED!
WHAT OF THIS SNOWGIRL? SHE IS EVIDENCE! IT MUST BE LIQUIDATED!
THE "EVIDENCE" WILL BE LIQUIDATED, GENERAL! HA-HA-HA!

SHORTLY, UNOBSERVED...
IF LOIS ONLY KNEW I WAS ALSO SUPERMAN SHE WOULD RETURN WITH A FRONT-PAGE SCOOP!
MOMENTS LATER...
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SUPERMAN! TO START THE WINTER CARNIVAL!
COME WITH ME TO THE SNOW SCULPTURE, IT'S REAL GROOVY!
WE'D BETTER HURRY! THAT SUN SUDDENLY BLAZING THROUGH THE CLOUDS WILL TURN THEM INTO SLUSH!
LOIS SURE MUST BE A POPULAR ALUMNA TO HAVE TWO SCULPTURES MADE OF HER!
NORMAN IS OUR BEST SCULPTOR! BUT WHOEVER MADE THAT OTHER SNOW-FIGURE OF HER IS LIKE WOW!
SOMEBODY ELSE CHOSE LOIS AS A SUBJECT! DARN!
DON'T THOSE TEARS LOOK REAL?
YOU'VE GOT THE IMAGINATION OF A COMICS WRITER! THOSE AREN'T TEARS...
SPLAT--
THE STATUE'S STARTING TO MELT!
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SUPERMAN! IT'S REALLY ME-- LOIS!
DON'T PASS ME BY! I'M MELTING TO DEATH IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!
I CAN'T SPEAK! BUT CAN'T YOUR HEART HEAR ME?
MY GOD!
SUPERMAN'S FLIPPED! WHAT'S HE WANT WITH A MELTING SNOWGIRL?
WITH A BLAST OF SUPER-COLD BREATH...
THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOU ALIVE IS TO PUT YOU IN DEEP FREEZE!
VROOOSH
A FRANTIC RACE AGAINST A MACABRE DEATH...
A LEAD DOOR! I CAN'T SEE IF PROF. BRIDNELL'S STILL IN HIS LAB!
KRANGGG--
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I THOUGHT YOU GOT RID OF THE GIRL AT THE CARNIVAL... SO WE COULD ESCAPE WITH BRIDNELL, DISGUISED AS STUDENTS?
POW POW POW--
POWW--
BEEOW--
ZINGG--

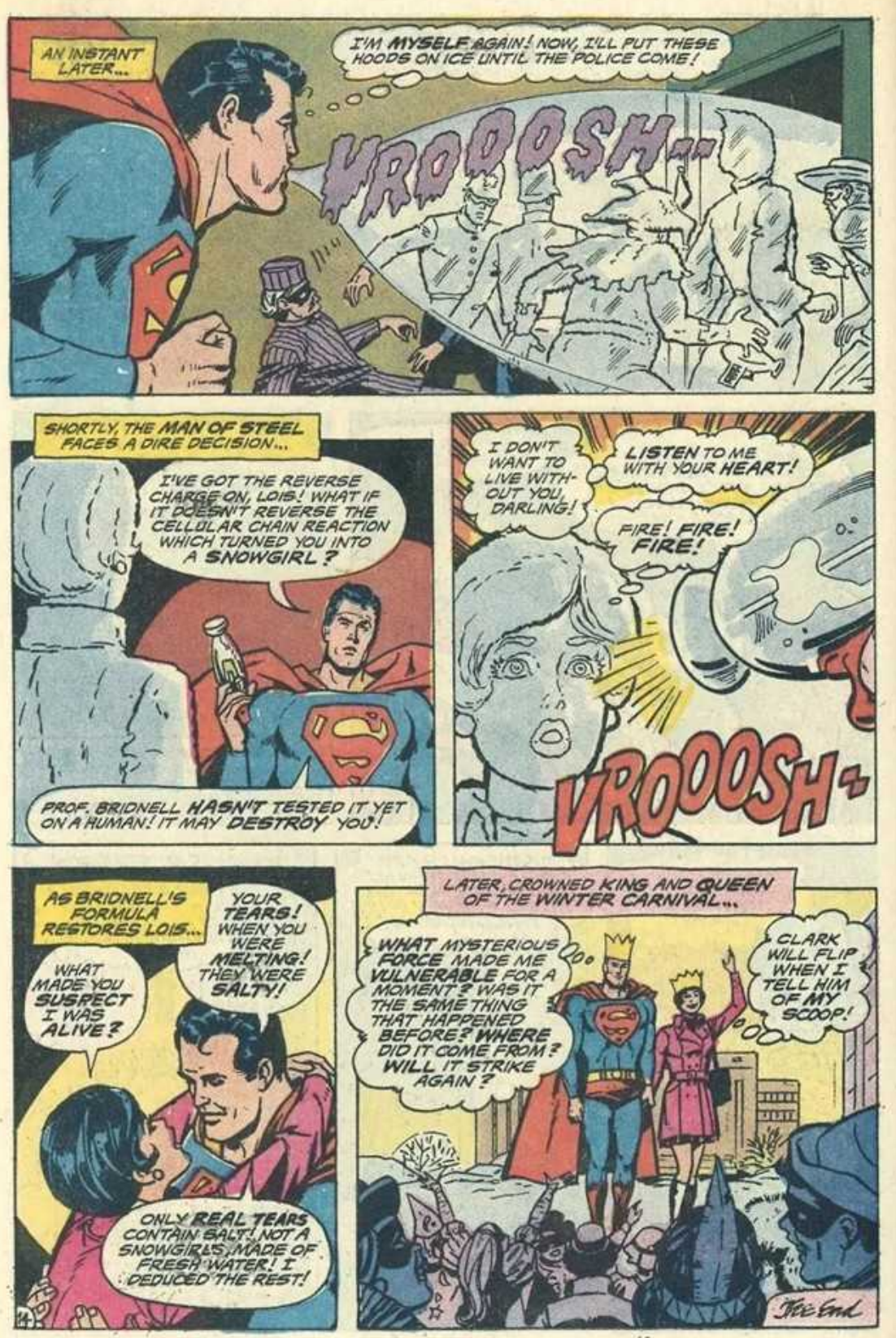
BULLETS WILL ONLY BOUNCE OFF SUPERMAN! PERHAPS A FULL CHARGE OF THE CHEMICAL FORMULA WILL STOP HIM!
WISHFUL THINKING! NOTHING CAN--
VROOSH--
SPHHAAT--

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? MY SUPER-SKIN'S NO LONGER INVULNERABLE! I'M FREEZING--LIKE LOIS!*
*OH-OH! IT'S THE SAME MYSTERIOUS WEAKNESS THAT FIRST STRUCK THE MAN OF STEEL IN THE JAN. SUPERMAN! - Ed.

IF I'M TO DIE--I'M GLAD IT WILL BE IN SUPERMAN'S ARMS!

MY EYE BALLS ARE RIGID! CAN'T TURN MY HEAT VISION AGAINST MYSELF! EVEN IF IT'S STILL WORKING!
ONLY CHANCE--THAT METAL DOOR I'M FACING!

WHATEVER MYSTERIOUS FORCE WEAKENED ME--IS DISAPPEARING! A SUPER-HEAT BLAST MIGHT RESTORE MY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE TO NORMAL... NOW!
VROOOSH--
BUT--WILL THAT METAL DOOR REFLECT THIS MEASURED BLAST OF HEAT VISION BACK AT ME?


AN INSTANT LATER...
I'M MYSELF AGAIN! NOW, I'LL PUT THESE HOODS ON ICE UNTIL THE POLICE COME!
VROOOSH...
SHORTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL FACES A DIRE DECISION...
I'VE GOT THE REVERSE CHARGE ON, LOIS! WHAT IF IT DOESN'T REVERSE THE CELLULAR CHAIN REACTION WHICH TURNED YOU INTO A SNOWGIRL?
PROF. BRIDNELL HASN'T TESTED IT YET ON A HUMAN! IT MAY DESTROY YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU, DARLING!
LISTEN TO ME WITH YOUR HEART!
FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!
VROOOSH
AS BRIDNELL'S FORMULA RESTORES LOIS...
YOUR TEARS! WHEN YOU WERE MELTING! THEY WERE SALTY!
WHAT MADE YOU SUSPECT I WAS ALIVE?
ONLY REAL TEARS CONTAIN SALT! NOT A SNOWGIRL'S, MADE OF FRESH WATER! I DEDUCED THE REST!
LATER, CROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF THE WINTER CARNIVAL...
WHAT MYSTERIOUS FORCE MADE ME VULNERABLE FOR A MOMENT? WAS IT THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE? WHERE DID IT COME FROM? WILL IT STRIKE AGAIN?
CLARK WILL FLIP WHEN I TELL HIM OF MY SCOOP!
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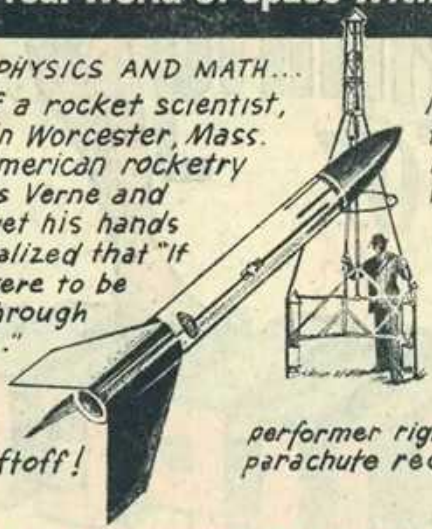

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THIS WAS *SUPERMAN* WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED! *"HE COULD HURDLE SKYSCRAPERS... LEAP AN EIGHTH OF A MILE... RAISE TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS... RUN FASTER THAN A STREAMLINE TRAIN--AND NOTHING LESS THAN A BURSTING SHELL COULD PENETRATE HIS SKIN!"**

*QUOTED FROM *SUPERMAN* #1.

IN TIME, *SUPERMAN'S* POWERS INCREASED. HE COULD FLY TO OTHER WORLDS AT ULTRA-LIGHT SPEED... MOVE THE EARTH ITSELF... AND SHRUG OFF H-BOMB BLASTS. HIS GREAT WEAKNESS WAS *GREEN KRYPTONITE*, WHICH COULD KILL HIM!

THIS IS *SUPERMAN, 1971!* A STRANGE EXPERIMENT HAS CHANGED ALL *GREEN K* ON EARTH TO HARMLESS *IRON!* BUT IT ALSO CREATED A *NEW* WEAKNESS, THE EXACT NATURE OF WHICH EVEN *SUPERMAN* DOESN'T KNOW!

SOMETHING... DRAINING MY STRENGTH... AND IT'S *NOT* KRYPTONITE!

BUT *YOU* CAN SEE WHAT IT IS... IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF *SUPERMAN!*

THIS WAS CLARK KENT WHEN HE ORIGINALLY STARTED... WORKING FOR GEORGE TAYLOR, EDITOR OF THE *DAILY STAR!*

TIME PASSED... AND NOW CLARK WAS WORKING FOR PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE *DAILY PLANET!*

THIS IS CLARK (*SUPERMAN*) KENT, 1971... WORKING FOR MORGAN EDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE *GALAXY BROADCASTING SYSTEM!*

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ROSE and the THORN
MY EXECUTIONER LOVES ME
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WRITER: ROBERT KANIGHER
ARTISTS: ANDRU & ESPOSITO
METROPOLIS BECOMES AN OMINOUS JUNGLE AT NIGHT AS BLINDING HEADLIGHTS TRANSFIX A SLIM FUGITIVE...
WE'VE CORNERED THE THORN! CUT HER DOWN! WE'LL COLLECT ON HER CONTRACT TONIGHT!
KRAW!
POW
FROM HER NEW THORN ARSENAL BELT...
THE 100'S KILLERS ARE BUSY AS BEES! ONLY THIS "HONEY DOESN'T WANT TO BE COLLECTED"!
THEY FORGET A THORN STINGS!
THE BALEFUL BEAUTY'S FACE IS LIT BY A BRILLIANT FLASH...
THE CONCUSSION GRENADE BLEW OFF THEIR FRONT WHEEL! THE KILLERS' CAR IS OUT OF CONTROL!
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WE'RE STILL IN ACTION, THORN!
THIS IS THE PAYOFF, DEVIL DOLL!
I'LL BE THE PAYMASTER, HOODS!
FSSSS
POW
K-POW
AN OUTBURST OF FURY FROM THE VIXEN OF VENGEANCE, UNDER COVER OF THE THORN SMOKE GRENADE...
I'LL...
PAY OFF...
NOW!
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NUMBER 19!
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21!
AS DETECTIVE DANNY STONE RACES UP TO THE SCENE, HE GLIMPSES THE ELUSIVE ENIGMA MELTING INTO THE NIGHT...
THE THORN STUNG THE 100 AGAIN!
21 KILLERS FROM 100 LEAVES 79! I'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO TO MAKE THE UNDERWORLD 100 PAY FOR MURDERING MY FATHER! BUT I WON'T REST TILL I DO!
THE NEXT DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF VINCE ADAMS, OWNER OF THE RIVERVIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL...
OKAY, BEAU! YOU'VE GOT THE CONTRACT ON THE THORN NOW!
HIT... AND YOU COLLECT 50 G'S!
FAIL-- AND YOU BECOME THE TARGET! IF THE THORN DOESN'T NAIL YOU FIRST!
I DIG, MR. ADAMS! I KNOW THE 100'S RULES! I WON'T FAIL!
SHORTLY...
OH-- I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT!
COME IN, ROSE! MY BUSINESS WITH MR. BENTON IS OVER!
I'LL MAKE ALL THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, SIR! JUST NOTIFY US WHERE TO PICK UP THE DEAR DEPARTED!
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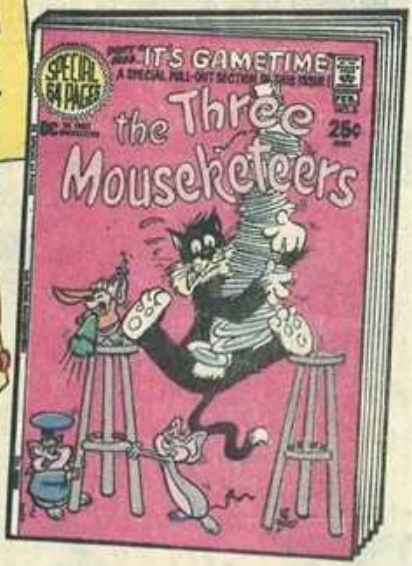

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YOU'RE THE BEST SECRETARY I EVER HAD, ROSE! HOW ABOUT DINNER AT LE DISCO... TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION?
I'D LOVE TO! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU GAVE ME THIS JOB AFTER MY FATHER WAS KILLED!
BUT I'VE A DATE WITH HIS PARTNER, DANNY STONE, THIS EVENING!
SHORTLY...
THAT COFFIN FOR THE THORN GIVES ME THE COLD SHIVERS! EVEN THOUGH MR. ADAMS SAYS THEY'LL NEVER GET HER, AND HE GAVE THE 100'S $25,000 CHECK FOR THE COFFIN TO METROPOLIS UNITED CHARITIES!
SOLID GOLD COFFIN DONATED BY THE 100- FOR THE THORN
LATER, AT GENTLE ROSE FORREST'S BROWNSTONE APARTMENT...
S-SORRY, DANNY! I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO CRY! BUT I C-COULDN'T HELP THINKING OF POOR DAD!
HIS MURDER WILL BE AVENGED, ROSE! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO H.Q.!
THEY'RE QUESTIONING THREE OF THE 100'S HOODS THE THORN DROPPED IN OUR LAPS!
MAYBE THEY'LL GIVE US A LEAD ON THE RATS WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER!
MOURNFUL HOURS PASS... THE SLEEPING ROSE IS HELD IN THE GRIP OF HER RECURRENT NIGHT-MARE...
I... HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN... FA...THER...
UNTIL... IN THE DEEPEST SLEEP... ROSE'S ID--UNCONSCIOUS SELF--DRIVES HER INTO ACTING OUT HER VOW OF VENGEANCE AGAINST HER FATHER'S MURDERERS, IN A DUAL IDENTITY HER EGO--HER CONSCIOUS SELF--IS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF--THE THORN!

AS THE NYMPH OF NIGHT RECKLESSLY PROBES THE HAUNTS OF THE CENTIPEDE OF CRIME, THE 100...
VENGEANCE IS MY THING! BUT IT'S LONELY! AND GETTING WORSE ALL THE TIME!
MUSTN'T FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF! NOT WHILE DAD'S LYING UNAVENGED IN HIS GRAVE!
I'VE GOT A CONTRACT ON YOU, THORN! TOO BAD I HAVE TO KILL SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DOLL!
BUT IF I DIDN'T MAKE THE HIT—SOMEONE ELSE WOULD!
I'M NO GORILLA! I'LL MAKE IT AS QUICK AND PAINLESS AS P--?
KCHOK
HE STRUCK HIS HEAD ON THAT HALF-SUBMERGED LOG!
THUD
YOU SOUND LIKE A DENTIST WHO'S ONLY GOING TO PULL A TOOTH!
NO, THANKS! I'M NOT READY TO DIE YET!
HE'S DROWNING! IF THAT ISN'T COMIC JUSTICE! HE'S SINKING TO THE WATERY GRAVE HE HAD PICKED OUT FOR ME!
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HE'S AS HANDSOME AS AN ANGEL! BUT... I'VE SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE!
WHAT WAS A 100 KILLER DOING IN VINCE ADAMS' OFFICE?
BACK ON THE DOCK...
NO ONE'S EVER LOST ANY SLEEP OVER WHETHER I LIVED OR DIED-- FROM THE MINUTE I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE!
I'M ONLY HUMAN! I COULDN'T WATCH YOU DROWN!
BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE! EVEN AFTER I TRIED TO HIT YOU! WHY?
MY TEMPERATURE WAS ZERO ABOUT YOU BEFORE! BUT NOW -- YOU'VE SENT IT SKYROCKETING!
I CAN'T KILL YOU NOW! LET'S SPLIT! LEAVE THE COUNTRY!
I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM THE 100!
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SUDDENLY, BLAZING THROUGH THE SINISTER MIST...
YOU'RE HIT! -- YOUR HAND!
JUST A SCRATCH!
ZING
FLEEING FROM SEARCHING SLUGS...
THE 100'S PUT YOU ON THEIR LIST OF PIGEONS! BECAUSE YOU BROKE YOUR CONTRACT ON ME!
THEY WERE EAVES-DROPPING... TO MAKE SURE YOU DID THE JOB!
I'M NOT WORRIED, DOLL! MY HEAP'S PARKED AROUND THE CORNER! I'VE GOT ANOTHER ROD STASHED IN THE GLOVE DEPARTMENT!
KRAK KRAK
MOMENTS LATER...
THEY'VE GOT A CAR, TOO!
WE'LL LOSE THOSE BRUISERS!
DOWN! THEY'RE HOSIN' US WITH TOMMYGUNS!
POW KPOW
ZIP ZIP ZING ZING
I'LL CARPET THE DOCK WITH THORN-NAILS!
OUR TIRES BLEW! WE'RE SKIDDIN' OVER! THE THORN GOT US!
CRAASH

AS THE VIXEN OF VENGEANCE FINALLY HALTS BEAU'S CAR...
I'VE GOT A FRIEND! FIRST MATE ABOARD A TRAMP! HE'LL GIVE US PASSAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA! DIG?
ALL THE WAY!
H-HOW COULD YOU KISS ME? AN' PARK ME IN FRONT OF THE HARBOR POLICE STATION, THORN?
YOU'RE SAFER IN JAIL THAN BEING A BULL'S-EYE FOR THE 100!
I FORGOT MYSELF FOR THE MOMENT! BUT I'M THE THORN!
AND YOU'RE NO. 22!
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ONCE AGAIN THE THORN PASSES THROUGH HER STRANGE METAMORPHOSIS...AS THE NIGHT CHANGES INTO DAY...
I MUST HAVE HAD A NIGHTMARE! ABOUT THAT MAN I SAW IN THE OFFICE YESTERDAY! BUT IT'S FADING SO FAST! CAN'T REMEMBER IT!
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MY HAND SMARTS! WONDER... HOW I... SCRATCHED MYSELF?
DON'T MISS THE NEXT STARTLING CHAPTER OF "ROSE AND THE THORN!"
IS SHE GOOD? OR EVIL? SAINT? OR SINNER? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THE END

DIRECT CURRENTS

Well, this is the BIG month! This is the time when **Superman** gets his greatest change in many years—possibly in his entire career! But that's not all—far from it! We have new **Giant** issues . . . a new feature in **ADVENTURE** . . . a fantastic team-up in **SUPERBOY** . . . and plenty more. Oh, yes . . . before I get into this month's line-up, I want to tell you there will be TWO new mags from the great **Jack Kirby** next month—**THE FOREVER PEOPLE** and **THE NEW GODS!** Watch for 'em!

Sgt. Rock and **Easy Company** find a terrifying mystery in the **North African** desert—an **American** force wiped out . . . and their bodies stripped of equipment. Maybe a sheik can tell them . . . and maybe he has a reason for not **wanting** them to find . . . the answer to this startling puzzle. Even men accustomed to war are shocked by this callous murder and robbery, in the **January** issue of **OUR ARMY AT WAR (#227)**, on sale **Nov. 3.**

Hawk, the **SON OF TOMAHAWK**, is back with more power-packed Western thrills, along with his dad, his kid brother . . . and two of **Tomahawk's Rangers, Stovepipe** and **Big Anvil!** Want to find out what happened to these men after their service in America's war for independence? It's here—and it will stun you! It certainly had that effect when editor **Joe Kubert** and writer **Bob Kanigher** told me about it! **#132 (February)**, on the stands **November 3!**

JERRY LEWIS goes out West to visit **Uncle Yahoo** and gets mixed up in a madcap series of complications involving the local yokels and an **Indian tribe, in "High Man on a Totem Pole."** Then **Jer** gets entangled in a web of espionage and intrigue, and winds up playing the role of—a **prima ballerina!?!** Yep—there are plenty of "ballet-laughs" in this issue of the **World's Funniest Comic—February, #122,** on sale **Nov. 12.**

Artist **Jim Aparo** and author **Steve Skeates** strike again in the **February AQUAMAN!** In "Return of the Alien," the **Sea King** goes back to the dimensional world to clear up some unfinished business from issue 52. Then there's "Computer Trap"—the tale of a dead civilization and the only "living" thing left in it . . . a **computer** that gives **Aquaman** the struggle of his life! It's issue **55**, on sale November **3!**

LOIS LANE is transformed into **snow . . . Superman** doesn't know it . . . she can't move or speak . . . and she's **melting!** No wonder "The Snow-Woman Wept!" That's the title of the tale that headlines the **January** issue of this mag, **#107**, on the stands **Nov. 12. But there's more—Rose and the Thorn**, in an action-packed epic called "My Executioner Loves Me!" And it means just that—the killer hired by the **100** to "hit" the **Thorn** falls for her. Now the mob is out to get **both** of them!

"SUPERMAN Breaks Loose" in the **January** issue of his magazine **(#233)**! A strange experiment rids Earth of the **Man of Steel's** greatest nemesis, **Green Kryptonite!** That should make him happy, right? Not necessarily! You see, that same experiment has spawned a frightful, **new** menace for the **Metropolis Marvel!** What is it? And how does it affect **Superman?** You'll get your first look at the strangest **thing** ever to threaten the **Man of Might** when this goes on sale, **Nov. 5!**

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Joe Orlando has **two** eerie entries for this month. First comes the **February HOUSE OF MYSTERY (#190)**, with more spine-tingling tales told by **Cain the Caretaker.** That's on sale **Nov. 10.** Next, a **PHANTOM STRANGER** chiller in which glowing triangles appear in the sky all over the world. And people expressing hate suddenly **vanish!** The **Phantom Stranger** tracks the phenomenon to **Egypt** via **Israel**, in his **February** issue **(#11)**, on sale **Nov. 17.**

Johnny Cloud, the Navaho ace, goes berserk and threatens the lives of his fellow **Losers!** Must **Capt. Storm, Gunner and Sarge** kill their partner to keep **him** from killing **them?** It's a thrill-a-second battle blockbuster that'll have you on the edge of your chair right up to the smash ending. That's why the **February** issue of **OUR FIGHTING FORCES (#129)** is must reading for all fans of blazing action and searing emotion! On sale **Nov. 10.**

Dear Editor:

"The Devil's Bride," in LOIS LANE #103, was interesting because it gave a new twist to the idea of a suitor from another planet courting Lois.

However, the names used were not very subtle. Satdev is obviously a contraction of Satan-Devil, and the planet Nferino is just an anagram of Inferno. Even the spell that Satdev uses on Lois is easily interpreted as "Wake up from your deep sleep, Lois." (Each word is an anagram.)

In the future, try not to be so obvious, please.

Peter G. Haag, Trenton, N.J.

(Guess writer Bob Kanigher was a bit obvious, to judge from the number of readers who spotted those examples. However, one of his words brought only a single identification—as follows.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

In issue 103, you show Lois bathing in the kvimha, the pre-marital bath brides take on Nferino to purify themselves. Isn't it funny that if you unscramble the letters of "kvimha," you get the word "mikvah," which is the bath Jewish brides must take before they are married so that they may be purified? You know, "kvimha" sounds more Jewish than "mikvah."

Steven Brown, Williston Park, N.Y.

(Maybe . . . but to us, that guy Satdev never seemed completely kosher.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I'm dying of curiosity to know in what mag the Man of Steel first kissed Lois (or vice-versa). I have a hunch it was in the story of Superman and the Dam in SUPERMAN #3. Joe Shuster, Superman's original artist, modestly showed the before and after scenes of the kiss, but not the kiss itself. Also, it was *Lois* who gave Supe a "super-kiss"—and Superman coined the term then and there. Am I correct?

Licie Ramos, Baltimore, Md.

(Right! That was the first kiss, but since the story was a reprint from ACTION #5, that mag is the one which first featured the "super-kiss."—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

LOIS #103 was sheer perfection, from the cover onward. The story was exciting, contained unexpected twists, and was clever.

It took me two issues to realize how you got the "Satdev" name, but the scrambled "Wake up from your deep sleep, Lois" and "Inferno" planet came to me right away.

Superman's grief was so beautifully portrayed and the ring's inscription was touching. My one plea is, *please don't forget* Superman loves Lois. Have him act more amorous around her. I should think he is counting his blessings that Lois is back, and he should show his gratitude in his treatment of Lois.

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(That's one thing we will never forget—we promise! Superman's love for Lois, once stated, cannot be retracted. Nor would we want to do so. We want a hero with believable emotions, not one who goes around challenging two girls—and the reader—to guess which one he's really in love with. We made the change back in issues 80 and 81—and what we said then still goes!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I have a few comments on the August LOIS LANE, but I'll try to make 'em brief.

First, I agree completely with the reader who said Lois' hairdo is too short. Even the old one was better. But y'know the one she really looked *beautiful* in? The bouncy flip Kurt Schaffenberger bestowed on her just before he switched to Supergirl. It really made Lois look young and attractive. I hope you'll think about going back to that style.

Second, I think the idea of Black Canary, Iris Allen and the others teaming to help Lois get Supie is a great idea. But maybe with a twist—a couple of the gals helping Lois, and the other two going to bat for Lana? How about that?

Third, I would like to commend you on the fine issue #103 turned out to be. The cover was the best on an LL mag since last year's "The Girl Who Died for Superman." "The Devil's Bride" was an unusual, exciting story, and Curt Swan's artwork was better than ever.

It was a good issue, but I really wish you'd consider what I said about Lois' hairstyle.

Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(How about it, readers? What do you say about Lois' hair? Should we keep it as it is? Change it? Or should Lois vary it from issue to issue?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

As you know, the MIDI is all the rage now. Some TV celebrities are wearing them. But whatever you do, DON'T PUT ONE ON LOIS!!! She looks so much better in the shorter styles. But then, even *I* can't change fashion!

Debbie Hetherington, Wallaceburg, Ont.

(Alone you can't, Deb—but if enough of you gals stick together, wonders can be wrought. And from what we've heard, the rage about the midi comes from the girls and the girl-watchers who don't like 'em. They're saying: "Lower the hem, and we'll lower the boom!"

And now, before signing off, we'll remind you the address for all comments is: LETTERS TO LOIS AND ROSE, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.—E.N.B.)

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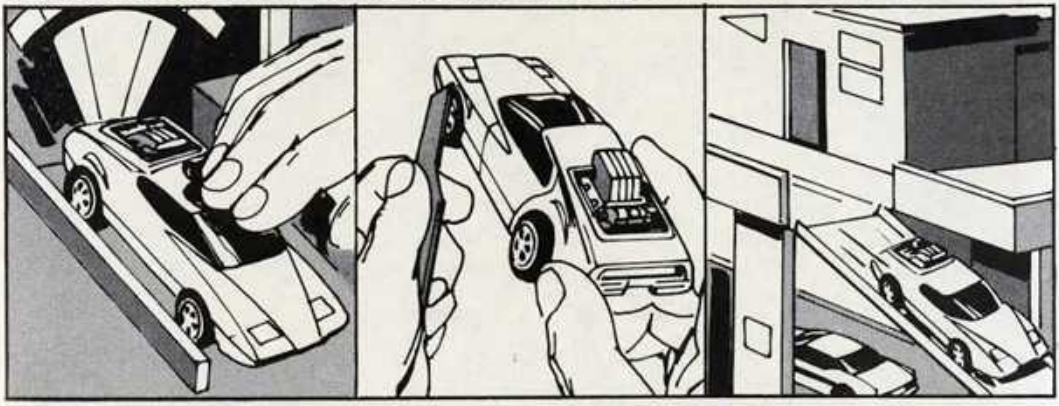

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